

AMA-CHEWER

MONTHLY PAPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB INC.

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Meetings are held at the Servicemen's Center at 111 N. Capitol Ave. on the 4th floor. Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM.

PROGRAMS

- Dec. 4th Annual meeting, election of officers for 1952. Attend this meeting, if you are behind in dues arrange to settle up so that you can vote the officers that you think can carry on the present work of the club.
- Dec. 11th To be announced.
- Dec. 18th Auction. One of those famous auctions of the club where you bring your surplus good stuff, sell it and take home the others, fellows stuff that you find more desirable than that which you sold. Don't forget to bring your gear to auction off.
- Dec. 25th Christmas Day. No meeting. The season's greetings and best wishes for the coming year.
- Jan. 1st. New Year's Day. No meeting. May the new year 1952 bring you peace and happiness.
- Jan. 8th First meeting of the new year and installation of officers elected last Dec. 4th.



PUBLICATION

With this issue of our big fat 8 page bulletin we resume publication of our club paper Ama-Chewer. We trust you will send in articles to make it possible to continue its publication because by sending in those items it makes possible to make it interesting to all.

It is ye editor's hope that the new officers will appoint editors to gather the doings of different groups of our hobby as you will note is done with posted issues of Tri State Sparks and The Ground Wave.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Following is the slate submitted by the nominating committee.

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| Pres. | T. G. Lucas, W9APJ |
| V. Pres. | Garold E. Bramblett, W9POF |
| Secy. | Gerald B. Todd, W9ATS |
| Treas. | Clarence Pence, NC |
| Ch. Opr. | Howard Wevereid, W9DPL |
| Dir. | Arthur Schultz, W9NNX |
| Dir. | Roland Boughton, W9PMM |

Submitted by nominating committee composed of: Charles Parker
Raymond Forbes
Harry Butler.

PAID UP MEMBERS ELIGIBLE
TO HOLD OFFICE.

Follows the list of paid up members who are eligible to hold office, to be paid up and having held membership, resident type, for a period of 1 year. This list with few additions will be that of those that may vote at the Annual meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1951. If your name does not appear and it should, see the Treasurer, Clarence Pence.

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| D. J. Angus | R. B. Annis | E. R. Arbuckle |
| H. Blind | R. Boughton | G. Bramblett |
| R. Caskey | E. Craven | D. Davis |
| R. Delano | R. Evens | R. Forbes |
| H. Harney | L. Hoyt | S. Hritsko |
| J. Jones | W. Kingery | G. Lucas |
| Wm. Lueth | E. Marchino | R. Mays |
| D. Miller | G. Montgomery | C. Parker |
| M. Price | A. Scholtz | H. Severeid |
| H. Sibley | H. Smith | E. Springer |
| J. Sugioke | G. Todd | A. Wellmen |
| G. Wood | Van Wood | |

To be eligible to vote your dues must be paid up to and including the current month which for the elections will be for the month of December. If you have been lax shy not see the treasurer the next meeting and take care of this matter.

NEW MEMBERS

New members are the life blood of any club and it is with pleasure that we welcome the newest members into the club.

Harrison J. Blind 1616 Cord St. W9DXD
Alfred Dobrof, 2934 Ruckle St. W3REV/9
Robert Herville, 530 S. Keystone Ave. W9PNT

Welcome to our club and we trust that you will pitch in and help to your best ability in any club undertakings and perhaps as a new member you can give suggestions that may help in its operation.

HELP

Fred Sawyer, W9FJI at 627 E. Virginia St. Evansville, Ind. with whom we exchange our paper, the Amachever for the Tristate paper, writes that W9POW wants a diagram for a TEL-Var 60-2 transmitter. A loan of same if you have same is requested. Fred says W9N 's OVB, POW, PQR are on with another due to take the exam. soon.

ANOTHER CLUB PAPER EXCHANGE

We are now exchanging papers with the Saint Paul Radio Club, Inc. of Box 512 Saint Paul, Minnesota. Their paper, THE GROUND WAVE, is being posted on the bulletin board. They are listing their 20th anniversary. Should we tell them old we are? See our next issue.

CLASSIFIED

Just remember that you can list equipment for sale, items wanted or what have you in our club paper. 3 lines or fraction thereof for two bits.

WANTED VHF-152 to buy or borrow. Bob Osterhous, 5313 Carrollton, Indianapolis, Ind. Broadway 1849.

A REMINDER

To Bill Catron, W9NQC at his new address at 6034 Hillside E. Drive that ye ed is still looking for his mimeo tools so that we can get some cartoons in our paper.

CLUBBS FIRST NOVICE

James N. Burkhardt Jr., 4808 Southeastern Ave. with the call WN9OKW was the first novice to show up at the Indianapolis Radio Club and he was awarded the 3735 KC Crystal which had been donated by Howard Severeid, W9DPL for the purpose. Howard had offered this Crystal to the club for the purpose of awarding it to the first Novice to appear at the club. James Burkhardt was his man and he is now the proud owner of said xtal. Glad to have you with us Jim. Drop back often.

HOBBY SHOW

As before, 1950, the club had a station in operation at the Hobby show at the State Fairgrounds. Gerald Lucas was in charge the affair this year and he, with the help of the gang put on a good show this year as in the past year. Jerry was a little skeptical at first then the job of planning and arranging the booth and for the attendants but he went ahead with the job. On the night before the show his "Gang" showed up and managed to surprise even Jerry with the "Junk" that they had managed to scrape up to bring out for the exhibit.

A Ground Plane 10 meter antenna had been put up as well as an 80 meter job. These stations were worked by the hams who were in attendance at the booth during the 10 days of the show. Quite a few hams visited the station and quite a few non-hams but ones who showed real interest saw the station in operation and some of these talked over the rigs to become even more fired with the ham spirit.

We feel the chance to set up our station at this event was well worth while. We want to thank the management of the Hobby show for the space, those who loaned equipment for display and use, those who did their tour of duty at the show, and Van Sickle Radio for their loan of display material. Our thanks too to George Wood for the use of his truck for hauling the equipment and in this respect, our Pres. Bob Evans for use of the station wagon for the same purpose.

show well done with the cooperation and help of all. It just shows one of the many things that can be done by keeping together and pulling as one. If you aren't one of us, why not become one. Ask the secretary for an application blank.

REPORTING

Under the heading above we write the doings of the ham fraternity as turned in to ye editor by others. Our paper, not having published since July, 1951 we have quite a backlog to catch up with. You may find some of these items therefore rather dated but give us this chance to "ketch up" and see what a paper it could be if every month you, you, and you, meaning YOU, would write up your doings, some one else's doings or what you heard over the air. Send them into the editor, Robert Caskey, W9DNQ, 2355 Stuart St., Indianapolis, 18 Ind.

Not rumor but fact that D. J. Angus flew, Yes, FLEW across the lake in an airplane. Seems Angus was in a hurry to get across the lake on business and took the fastest means.

How about a mobile hidden transmitter hunt?

By the way speaking of Angus, the gang took a trip on his boat on Aug. 25th and reported a fine time had by all.

John Hawes, W9FYR didn't show up to help set up the station at the Hobby show because he fell the night before and broke his arm. By now he should be OK. Sorry OM.

W9EVR, Sosmo Sivoletta was at meeting, he is another from Evansville. This reminds ye ed. that he had a note from Fred Sawyer W9FJI at Evansville. Seems he read our paper (Exchange) and reported that ye ed had either made a mistake or a misprint. (As you can note it was probably a misprint as ye ed cannot always make this writing machine talk his way.) He noted that Mac, was W9DGA instead of DGS. Thanks Fred. I stand corrected. He, Fred asked in the same letter as to how we obtained navy films and this was referred to Clarence Pence who had obtained the films.

Thanks

Ye ed has learned that Les DeVoe, W9LQ gave his 20 meter rig to the club for its station. It is in operation at the club at the Service Mens center. Speaking of the station. John Jones, Bob Evans, and Jerry Todd have been putting quite a bit of time in on the station. George Woods had been putting quite some time in on the station untill he moved to St. Paul, Ind. Since his move he is seldom seen. Come on out once in a while George.

Field Day Report

Johnny Jones has given this breakdown of field day activity. By the way. Field day was very successful and again demonstrates that by pulling together a lot can be accomplished and a fine time had at the same moment.

Report:

Number stations worked.

Score

| | | | |
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| 3.5 MC cw | 62 | 558 | |
| 3.5 MC A3 | 163 | 1140 | |
| 7 MC | 87 | 783 | |
| 14 MC cw | 117 | 1053 | |
| 14 MC A3 | 125 | 750 | |
| 28 MC A3 | 111 | 999 | |
| 50 MC A3 | 41 | 369 | |
| Total | 706 | | Total 5652 |

Quite a few stations contacted by the 25 operators wasn't it. Next year why not plan to be one of those operators.

What two hams started for the hamfest at Cincinnati and instead landed at the Zoo in Cincinnati. Instead?

With the addition of George Croft, W9GTA, Esterline Angus is now represented on all bands. George is a VHF and ten meter fone man. (How did Angus slip up and hire him?)

Special notice to Earl W. Springer: (Ed. that is the writers heading Don't forget that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and boy, would we hate to see you get dull. How about showing at club for a gay, frivolous, carefree evening? PS. The above applies to Elmer (Novice?) Marchino and numerous others.

PSS Severeid says all work and no play makes Jack and lots of it. You can't take it with you Springer.

(Belated, but denotes Jerry's efforts)

The Indianapolis Radio Club is participating again this year in the Indianapolis Hobby Show. To enable us to make our exhibit a success we will need not only the help of all the members of the club, but also the help and cooperation of all non-member amateurs in the Indianapolis area.

We feel that a show of this kind justifies all the work and preparation it entails by better acquainting the general public with the aim and purpose of amateur radio. Now at a time when favorable publicity and a more tolerant attitude on the part of the public is essential it is the time to demonstrate that our hobby consists not of aimless pattering, but has definite purposes and most certainly justifies its existence.

Max Stout, W9JTY who has been sailing the salty Atlantic Ocean as a radio officer aboard ship, arrived in Indianapolis the weekend of Sept. 8th for a visit with his folks and to look some of the old ham acquaintances. Max has been operating 10 meter mobile but reports the conditions on that band are not so good recently. He has a home address in New Jersey where his wife and daughter live. He hopes to get 40 and 80 meter transmitters on the air so he can work inland to our town when he is at home between runs.

Jim Burkhart Jr. WN9OKW, the winner of the 3735 KC crystal given by the club to its first Novice works at Weir Cook airport and reports that the novice license examination is a cinch and is now aiming at a higher grade of license.

George Croft, W9GTA of Muncie is now at EA Co in Speedway and is living at 4962 West 11th St. and hopes to get on the air with command set rigs on 80 and 40 meters, thru the week, and will continue his 2 and 6 meter work with his rigs at his home QTH on the week ends.

Howard Yost is the possessor of both novice and technician class licenses, and the call signs WN9OGJ and W9OGJ. Howard has been on 2 meter fone and expects to give some thought to 80 meter CW very soon. George Phillips, W9EMK has a Pen-Adaptor in the past but swapped it off, he now has another one, which he says he will keep, as he now appreciates the value of it in his station activities.

What's this we hear about Bert Bucy, W9NVD. It is reported that he has sold his house at 31st and Keystone Ave. and has moved to

Tuscon, Arizona where he will settle. He says he will let the local gang know when he gets on the air to try to keep contacts with the folks back here.

There are quite a few novice-class licensees in Indpls now and several fellows are also awaiting the results after having taken the exam. Won't some one volunteer to gather and report activities of this group of operators so that enuf kews concerning them will be available each to devote a section of Ama-Chewer to their activities? Send the news to Bob Caskey, editor of Ama-Chewer or bring it into radio club meetings and ask any one of the officers of the club to turn in the news, and thanks. (ED. Yes. a special section can be devoted to this if someone will be the contact editor to gather the news. Their needs in equipment, operating help, etc. even programs at club can be arranged for them if that will help. Any one want the job of seeing to it that this news is gotten together for our paper.?)

Ed Arbuckle, of Brownsburg who commutes daily to work at Naval Ordnance, now has a ten meter mobile rig on the air, and will have a good all-band fone and cw rig at home, the latter having been obtained from Charley Reynolds, W9ATE. Charley has just finished his super-duper big rig with 813's in the final and has it on the air.

Howard Severeid, W9DPL reports not much doing at his place except that he has finally gotten a start at rebuilding the 300 watt 813 final having the 2000 volt power supply and bias voltage supply all done. He will next fix up the 813 RF chassis, then finish the clamp-tube modulator, then work on the 811 class B modulator stage and use that thru its sone. Howard says that he got a redipphone license renewed that had been expired almost a year and had no service on it--but they refused to renew a telegraph ticket that had expired a little over a year but with some service on it. So, if any of you fellows holding phone licenses that are about to wither away better contact the Chicago office of the FCC and you can probably save them for another five years.

One recent night at club a very interesting program was presented by Jerry Todd, W9ATS. He gave a very fb lesson on the uses of vibrator power supplies with lots of demonstration material and some work on the blackboard too. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially the fellows who work mobile rigs.

By popular demand Art Schultx, W9NNX was hailed before the club again one evening for a talk on the subject of "Magnetic Amplifiers". Art gave out with the history, theory, present uses and future possibilities of this device in his usual very interesting style. Art reports he is on the air occasionally, and still works at Naval Ordnance and still is a bachelor, interested in life, liberty and the happiness of prusuit. To which all married hams will be heard to mutter "Amen".

How about the program committee setting aside one nite or part of an evening each month at a regular meeting for a swap nite? Members could bring in all sorts of tubes and sockets one evening, swap for other subes and sockets offered. Another night could be designated as the time to bring along maybe crystals and panel meters, everyone bringing in any any surplus or unused ones to swap for other similiar articles that looked more desireable. Maybe another night for transformers, chokes, filter condensers, to be swapped for similiar items brought in by the other fellow. This could be worked out so that the entire catagory of parts had been exposed for swap.

Dick Mays, W9JAY reports having obtained a new and larger house-trailer and one bedroom is unfurnished and in this Dick has built a radio shack and has the new rig on the air. It is the cw/fone all-band rig described in the first article of the July QST. It works OK he says.

Harry Butler, W9OVF reports that he is rebuilding, intending to the the type of rig described in the leading article of QST for July. Says that it looked good to him from several standpoints.

The week-end of August 24th and 25th D. J. Angus, W9CYQ entertained 9 Indianapolis hams aboard his yacht on Lake Michigan. A trip from Grand Haven, Mich. to White Hall, Mich. and return having been made. The gang reports the weather was good, food excellent, lots of pictures were taken and not over half a dozen of the gang got that strange feeling that makes a man wish the boat would sink. Hi.

Charles Manning, W9GGP writes from Bills Place, Pa. and says that he is back driving tractor trailers again. Was at Allison but not enough mileage so back to the road for him. Puts in 2000 miles a week. Wants to know if he can bribe some one to build up a small rec. to go along with his McMurdo 701 transmitter. He has the parts and chassis. He wants to try the outfit from the top of some of the mountains that he crosses on his trips. (Charlie, your letter is being posted at club as well as this so see if you get any offers.)

Howard Severoid, W9DPL has agreed to become trustee for the Indianapolis Radio Club station, W9JP for renewal. He requests that a committee of one of the club officers and one member in good standing and himself be appointed to take inventory of all club property at the time he is installed as trustee, as required by the RCC rules and regulations for a station licensed to a club.

Marvin Mincer, W9HJH is readying a 100 watt final amplifier to put on ten meters and higher frequencies later. (Ed. Marv is now on the air but battling some minor troubles in the rig. Ye ed knows because he is now off the air because Marv took back his signal shifter with which he was on the air.)

W9JUQ, Eberhart, who runs a trailer camp and sales office at Shelbyville, is among the hams employed at Western Electric Co. Shadeland ave. plant, he commutes daily to Shelbyville.

W9JYX, reports that he is not active at present but has some of his equipment loaned out where it is doing duty on the air for other hams.

Al Lovell, W9DAG recently changed jobs from the WFBM-TV set-up to I.D.E.A.

Any fellows having trouble with letters written in Spanish can get help in translating them from Glenn Barr.

W9DPL reports that the previous Ama-Chewer report that he was seen atop his house at 2431 E. Riverside Drive at high noon engaged in star gazing was not exactly erroneous and not exactly true either. He says he was surveying his acreage for putting up a new pole in the back yard. This has not been accomplished, a 24 foot 2 x 4 on top of the garage, the top end being 83 feet off the ground. Between this and house he stretched a single wire voltage fed Hertz about 67 feet long. DPL says that if the pole is not exactly verticle that his wife is to blame as she "sighted it" for him.

The August 1951 issue of QST magazine has an article with photos of model airplane radio-controlled flight activities at various contests and lo and behold, there's a foto of our old Indianapolis friend Gene Foxworthy and his entry in a contest. It will be remembered that Gene favored us with a program a while back on radio controlled model planes. (He had no volunteers that night when he said he would like help in improving them. Any one doing anything along this line now?)

Al Carr, W9LYW was recently sick and had been home from work at Naval Ordnance. Al is the son of Mr. Carr, X W9ZCE, this call is now held by Charley Compton who at present is out in Minnesota with a broadcast job.

Ralph, Bundy, W9MFK is interested in 2 meter operating so you 2 meter boys can contact him for details. Ralph says his son-in-law from Greencastle, Ind. received the call W9JUN not so long ago.

Al Whisenand, W9ASM took a trip through the South through the hills and valleys of Tenn. there he set up portable and worked out on 2. Any reports on this Al?

Wallman, W9NEU, who runs a drugstore at 16th and Tibbs Ave. says that contrary to reports that he isn't a ham anymore, that he is on the air occasionally with a Hallicrafters HT-9 rig on 10 meter fone.

Wonder when flowerman, LeRoy Waggoner, W9YMV down at 1828 Shelby is going to get on the air and get down to club?

W9KVK formerly of Evansville is now located at 601 N. Wallace here and doesn't have a home station going yet but is operating consistently on 10 meter mobile around town. His name is Begeman and he is anxious to meet more of the local gang. Give him a call when you hear him and also come on down to club because you will generally find him there too.

Joe Brand, X W9BNS and now a W5 in Albuquerque, N. Mex. recently had his name in the local newspapers as his son was married locally and the news article concerning it mentioned Joe and his other son Norman who is also a ham.

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